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CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS

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Details of chicken hatchings and poultry slaughterings in South Australia from 1965-66 to June 1968 have been compiled from returns submitted by all known commercial hatchers and slaughterers. Although the figures may not cover some very small producers, it is considered that the statistics give a high level of coverage of hatchings and slaughterings of meat strain chickens and of hatchings of egg strain chicks in commercial hatcheries which sell day-old chicks. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

TABLE 1 - EGGS SET AND CHICKS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

Period	Eggs Set (a)		Chicks Hatched (b) and Intended to be Raised for -				
	Meat Strains	Egg Strains	Chicken Meat		Egg Production	Breeding (d)	
			Meat Strains - Unsexed	Egg Strains - Cockerels(c)	Egg Strains - Pullets(c)	Egg Strains	
						Pullets	Cockerels
	'000						
Year -							
1965-66	5,089	4,464	3,501	274	1,525	70	8
1966-67	6,215	5,352	4,383	230	1,925	89	13
1967-68	7,407	5,060	5,218	134	1,904	51	4
Quarter ended -							
June 1967	1,678	1,326	1,197	31	377	n.a.	n.a.
Sept. 1967	1,799	2,610	1,233	68	1,009	32	3
Dec. 1967	1,790	793	1,243	39	386	n.a.	n.a.
Mar. 1968	1,974	700	1,341	16	206	n.a.	n.a.
June 1968	1,844	958	1,400	12	303	n.a.	n.a.
Month -							
April 1968	670	273	494	3	100	n.a.	n.a.
May 1968	649	254	522	4	98	n.a.	n.a.
June 1968	526	430	384	5	105	n.a.	n.a.

(a) Including eggs which failed to hatch.

(b) Excluding chicks destroyed.

(c) Egg strain chicks sold as "unsexed" have been allocated equally between chicks for chicken meat and chicks for egg production. The number so reported was 4,900 for June 1968.

(d) Details of meat strain chicks for breeding purposes are not available for publication.

n.a. Not available for publication.

TABLE 2 - POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (a)

Period	Chickens (i.e. Broilers, Fryers, or Roasters)	Hens and Stags	Ducks and Drakes	Turkeys	Total
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)					
1965-66	2,716	197	52	20	2,985
1966-67	3,682	192	59	28	3,962
1967-68	4,278	285	35	15	4,613
1967 - June Qr.	1,018	60	19	8	1,105
Sept. Qr.	1,041	66	5	6	1,119
Dec. Qr.	1,020	90	7	3	1,120
1968 - Mar. Qr.	1,079	65	12	1	1,156
June Qr.	1,138	64	10	5	1,218
April	374	23	5	2	404
May	417	22	3	2	444
June	347	19	2	2	369
LIVE WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb)					
1965-66	8,553	970	304	257	10,084
1966-67	12,011	984	336	397	13,727
1967-68	14,341	1,440	196	205	16,182
1967 - June Qr.	3,356	316	113	110	3,894
Sept. Qr.	3,459	337	30	92	3,918
Dec. Qr.	3,329	447	37	37	3,851
1968 - Mar. Qr.	3,568	327	67	10	3,971
June Qr.	3,985	328	62	66	4,441
April	1,263	120	29	21	1,432
May	1,444	113	22	22	1,600
June	1,278	96	11	24	1,409
DRESSED WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb) (b)					
1965-66	6,447	653	209	187	7,496
1966-67	9,167	667	235	295	10,363
1967-68	10,962	964	138	155	12,219
1967 - June Qr.	2,621	209	78	79	2,986
Sept. Qr.	2,694	225	23	70	3,012
Dec. Qr.	2,574	302	26	29	2,930
1968 - Mar. Qr.	2,633	220	47	7	2,907
June Qr.	3,061	217	43	49	3,370
April	953	81	20	16	1,070
May	1,110	73	15	16	1,214
June	998	63	8	17	1,086

(a) Excludes geese slaughtered (1,145 geese with live weight of 9,354 lb and dressed weight of 7,015 lb were slaughtered during 1967-68).

(b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets as reported by producers.

